

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 02, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Judge Link opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, County Clerk Leatha Conrad, Jackie Young, Courtney Young and Alexandra Young. Judge Link welcomed new Magistrates Brian Linder and Bobby Young to the Fiscal Court and all the representation they bring with them from their respective districts. He updated that since there had not been a Caucus meeting to discuss the items on tonight's Agenda he would take it very slow and give the Court time to review each item and to discuss it before taking action on them.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link explained that he would be presenting some Appointments of employees for approval and stated that Evalene Davis and Connie McClure were his staff and the Court only approved their Salary. According to law he can hire his own staff but Fiscal Court must approve the Salaries. He then presented for review and approval the Appointment of Evalene Davis to serve as Fiscal Court Clerk at the current Salary "at will" for an indefinite period of time but not to exceed 4 years. It is as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Evalene Davis to serve as Fiscal Court Clerk as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund and Jail Fund for the month of January, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He did update on the large Claim in the General Fund for \$80,859.71 to the Bank of New York Trust Co., NA, and explained that this is just pass thru money for the Bullock Pen Water District Waterline Leases. We pay the principal and interest as they become due and then the Bullock Pen Water District reimburses the county. He then asked if there were any questions.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-855 thru 01-890 in the amount of \$111,196.45 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0200 thru 02-0209 in the amount of \$7,511.25 paid out of the Road Fund, and Claims No. 03-304 thru 03-308 in the amount of \$41,540.78 paid out of the Jail Fund for the month of January 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for Leatha Conrad-County Clerk, her Office Budget for Calendar Year 2007 and also presented for review and approval the Annual Standing Order Setting the Salary Budget for All Deputy Clerks for Calendar Year 2007. They are as follows:

Leatha Conrad was present to answer any questions the Court might have. Judge Link informed the Court that the County Clerk's Office is a fee office and is maintained by the County Clerk and is separate from the county budget. She takes in Revenue and makes expenditures for her office. The biggest budget item is Salaries for the County Clerk and her ten Deputies. He reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures and Excess Fees shown on Page 1 of the proposed Budget Form and said that the Excess Fees amount is the exact amount that will be included in the overall county budget as revenue when put together in April. He said that most of the time her excess fees exceed this line item amount but the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) will only let the county budget what shows on her budget. He said the Court could approve this Budget and Salary Schedule tonight or could postpone this and ask the County Clerk to attend the Caucus meeting to discuss it further and then take action at the next Fiscal Court meeting on January 16th.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Office Budget of Leatha Conrad, County Clerk for Grant County, Kentucky, for Calendar Year 2007 as presented, and to further approve the Annual Standing Order setting the Salaries for the Deputy County Clerks of Grant County, Kentucky, in the Maximum amount of \$365,555.22 for Calendar Year 2007, as presented by Leatha Conrad, Grant County Clerk, said amount to include all salaries and fringe benefits.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated that Sheriff Chuck Dills had been out of town so he will not have his Office Budget and Annual Standing Order setting Salaries for the Deputy Sheriff's for

Calendar Year 2007 until the next meeting on Tuesday, January 16th. He then updated that the Sheriff's Office is also a fee Office but about 8 years ago when they merged with the City of Dry Ridge and the City of Crittenden, they gave up being a fee office and elected to participate in the County Budget process, but according to an old law on the books he must still come before the Court and get these approved each year just as if he was a fee office.

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Judge Link explained that the Court approves the employment of employees when hired and when they leave the county the Court must also approve a dismissal or Resignation. He then presented for review and approval the Resignation of Derek Nunnelley as Canine Control Officer effective December 30, 2006. It is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to accept with regrets the Resignation of Derek Nunnelley as Canine Control Officer as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Evalene Davis to serve as Deputy Judge/Executive at the current salary "at will" for an indefinite period of time but not to exceed 4 years. It is as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Evalene Davis to serve as Deputy Judge/Executive of Grant County, Kentucky, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Connie McClure to serve as Finance Officer for Grant County at the current salary “at will” for an indefinite period of time but not to exceed 4 years. It is as follows:

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Connie McClure to serve as Finance Officer for Grant County, Kentucky, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Rick Willoby to serve as Emergency Management Director for Grant County, Kentucky, at the current salary “at will” for an indefinite period of time but not to exceed 4 years. It is as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Rick Willoby to serve as Emergency Management Director of Grant County, Kentucky, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval a list of Other County Employees by position at the Road Department, Detention Center, Animal Shelter, County Parks, Sheriff’s Office and Courthouse and requested they be approved for employment at their current salaries “at will” for an indefinite period of time but not to exceed 4 years. It is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve

the List of all Other County Employees at the Road Department, Detention Center, Animal Shelter, County Parks, Sheriff's Office and Courthouse as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Annual Standing Order to Pre-Approve Certain Recurring Expenses, i.e. the payment of all Payrolls and Utilities as they become due without further action of Fiscal Court. It is as follows: Judge Link explained that this is needed so that Payroll can be met in a timely manner without further action of Fiscal Court.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Annual Standing Order to Pre-approve Certain Recurring Expenses i.e., the payment of all Payrolls and Utilities as they become due without further action of Fiscal Court as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Road Supervisor's Report for December 2006, which is a summary of some of the work that has taken place on various roads in the county. No action is required. It is as follows: He updated that the Court would receive a Report on Road Work each month. It is for review only. No action is required. He then informed Magistrate Linder that the Repair Work he had called about on Heathen Ridge Road at the bridge has already been started. He also informed the Court that they would receive calls on road repairs from their constituents and requested them to call his office

to report the calls and said the Road Department would then be notified to make the repairs as quickly as possible. He said this helps not only you, the Magistrate, but when you make it known, the constituent also.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the 2006 Financial Report for Lloyd's Welfare House. It is as follows: He reported that K. G. Cummins is the sole Overseer at the Welfare House located in Crittenden and he does a good job and usually makes an annual statement, but this could be changed if the Court wished to get a Report more often. He said that when repairs are needed K. G. usually comes into the office and discusses them with him and that is where some of the money goes, is for the repairs. He also explained that the income comes from rental of the Welfare House for various events like family reunions and birthday parties etc. and the funds are spent on the Welfare House. He said that we appreciated K.G. and Edna's work at the Welfare House.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the 2006 Calendar Year Financial Report for Lloyd's Welfare House as prepared by K. G. Cummins, Overseer.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval all bonds for elected Officials taking office on January 01, 2007, i.e. County Judge/Executive, Sheriff, Coroner, Jailer, County Surveyor and County Clerk.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the bonds for all elected Officials taking office on January 01, 2007, i.e. County Judge/

Executive, Sheriff, Coroner, Jailer, County Surveyor and County Clerk, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented to the Magistrates a list of Snow Routes of all Road Department Employees to take home and review so they would be aware of which employee does what roads in a snow emergency and the time it takes to do each road. It also states which material to use, cinders or salt. He explained that this Schedule would help them to explain to a constituent in their district when they receive a call from them what time they might expect a snow plow on their road. He explained that this schedule will also help when there is a water problem from a heavy rain and they would go out and identify any of their roads or bridges that have water over them, especially those that are low ford bridges and something they are asked to identify if there is any water standing in them or if their roads would need to be ditched. It gives them the autonomy and empowers them to take care of their roads as presented to the Court tonight. It has a lot of good information and they can take them home and use them. He stated that there are approximately 240 miles of county roads maintained by the county as well as maintaining the streets in the City of Crittenden and the City of Corinth. Both of these cities have contracted with the county for providing snow removal. It saves them money and is probably a good deal for the taxpayers in those cities.

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Judge Link announced that Open discussion for the “Good of the County” would be at this time and said that anyone who wanted to address the Court could do so. Magistrate Linder commented that he appreciated all of the people in his district and thanked them

for putting their trust in him and said he looked forward to representing the people of Grant County and especially his district. He appreciates the trust they have put in him. Magistrate Young also thanked everyone for their support in the last election, not only to get out and vote for him, but just to get out and vote in general. He is excited about working with the current Court and said we have got some exciting things coming up for the next four plus years for all of us and he just wanted to thank everyone out there for their support. Judge Link told both of them to make sure they go home and hug their wives because they probably did most of their campaign work. Magistrate Linder said he hugged his wife before he came but would hug her again. Magistrate Young said he just brought his wife with him. Magistrate Austin also thanked the people who supported him for the last 13 years and he looks forward to serving them for the next 4 years. He hopes for a good Court and hopes they can look back in four years and see some great things that has happened in Grant County and say we were a part of it and be proud. He hopes all of the other elected officials and the city officials will work together and we will work with them and do what is good for the county as a whole. He knows there will be some issues that may not suit everyone, but he hopes all will look at the long range as to what is going to be good for Grant County and the people who live here and for our families in the future. Judge Link said the Court would be working on a Mission Statement and Goals as to what they want to accomplish over the next four years and identify the Objectives as to how they will meet the expectations as set forth in those Goals. He said that this will do a number of things. It will be a blueprint for them and will help them to remain focused over four years so they can accomplish a lot and so that they on behalf of all the people who have entrusted them with this awesome

responsibility, and it will help them to make that progress on their behalf and to continue to maintain and sustain and improve the quality of life. So they look forward to having that dialogue and discussion and possibly even debate. The other thing it does, it also serves as a blueprint for all of the employees and the many departments, and they can line themselves up on how they are going to carry out their responsibilities and duties over the course of four years. They can line them up with the Magistrates Goals and Objectives so everybody can work as a team. He said it really helps them in regards to being a team, and we are, the employees and the Court, as well. It is also beneficial to the Court because as they put together budgets over the next four years they can ensure in our budget that we are putting our money where we say that it should be put. That doesn't mean all that will be rigid, obviously there will be some flexibility in there and we can go back and revisit and address it each year and maybe more frequently if need be, but at least it gives them a very good blueprint as to what they want to work on and what we want to accomplish. He said at least he would work on that concept, to try to please the Court and their constituents, the many departments and the people in Grant County. He said that it served them well in the past and he feels it will serve them well in the future. Magistrate Austin reported that his store was broken into around 6:00 A.M. this morning and the glass was broken out of his door, and he called Bobby Webb and Chris Hankins with the City of Williamstown, and one of the Deputy Sheriff's also came. They showed up about 6:15 AM, and they found them at Edwardo's and they were from Ohio. He said that he really wants to compliment them. There is crime in the county but we have good police also in the county and the burglars are in Jail at our expense, but at least they are in Jail. He said that no one was hurt and nothing much was taken. Judge Link also stated

that he hears the message loud and clear. It is one that we could probably do a commercial on to send back to Ohio. "If you are here to commit a crime, you're going to do the time". He told Magistrate Austin he was sorry he got broken into and was sorry the other businesses were broken into also, but he is very proud it was reported and Bobby and Chris and the Deputy Sheriff were there and hopes that nonsense ceases. Magistrate Austin said that we have a good County Attorney who will prosecute and you don't want to come to Grant County to commit a crime.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that there will be a Caucus meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, January 08, 2007, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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